



The Dominguez Watershed Advisory Council (DWAC)

Chair: County of Los Angeles DPW - *Dave Rydman*

Co-Chair: City of Torrance - *Wendell Johnson*

Outline of Monthly Meeting

Date: November 6, 2002

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: Port of Long Beach

Attendees: (on sign-in list)

Rick Cameron, Port of LB
Ray Yeghyayan, Inglewood
Dave Rydman, LACDPW
Susan Zoske, SPBEP
Wendell Johnson, Torrance
Suk Chong, LACDPW
Don McMackin, Praxair
Lori James, LACSD

Kim Guignard, Port of LB
Paul Saldano, City of MB
Marilyn Thoms, SCWRP
Holly Imler, City of Carson
Bert Vogler, Kleinfelder
Karen Green, MEC
Vanessa Tubaces, RHE, PVE

Phyllis Papen, Alliance for Water Quality
Carolina Trevizo, LACDPW
Jennifer Bender, WBMWD
Leila Barker, City of LA/Rec and Parks
Cathy Beauregard-Covit, CSPNC
Jason Langer, Cal Poly Pomona
Jessica Stoudenmire, City of LB

- I. Minutes from 10/2/02 meeting approved as is.
- II. Jason Langer of Cal Poly Pomona solicited doing potential work for the DWAC using Cal Poly students in the Studio 660 program. The DWAC will keep Cal Poly in mind for potential future work regarding the Master Plan.
- III. Leila Barker discussed the new Harbor Park Task Force Committee. The City's General Manager commissioned this new Task Force. There are certain subcommittees (i.e., vegetation, water committee, funding committee, etc) that will report back to the Harbor Task Force.
- IV. Rick Cameron reported that the Port of Los Angeles received full Prop 13 funding (\$1.3 million) for the creation of the estuary model. The purpose of the model is to have a model that includes the harbor complex in addition to the Dominguez Channel. This will be beneficial to DWAC since it will focus on the lower portion of the watershed. The Scope of Work is being developed.
- V. Susan Zoske gave a summary of the San Pedro Bay Estuary Project.
 - A. Any member of DWAC interested in sending a letter of support for the SPBEP may send the letter to Susan who will forward it to Alan Lowenthal.
 - B. Support letters need to be submitted ASAP.
- VI. Questionnaires prepared by MEC
 - A. The main purpose of today's meeting is to get the questionnaires distributed to the key people in the different agencies, cities, etc.
 - B. Each city rep should identify who these questionnaires would go to (i.e., land use; Planning Department).

- C. MEC is interested in getting information on things that cannot be determined by looking at maps, targeting the appropriate maintenance groups in the different jurisdictions, focusing on types of amenities, unmet needs, parks (homeless encampment problems, exotic vegetation problems), native plants; things that may help us focus on potential projects for watershed management, identifying land that could be reclaimed for open space and recreational purposes, whether abandoned railroad right of way or degraded channels detention basin that we might combine for restoration activities for wildlife.
- D. Some areas within certain jurisdictions may qualify as “disadvantaged” under State standards and we could get preferred consideration when it comes to grant funding.
- E. Should anyone need to contact us about the questionnaire, they may send an email to Karen Green at green@mecanalytical.com or David Rydman at drydman@ladpw.org

VII. Intended uses for the Master Plan

- A. Dave Rydman handed out a comprehensive list of all the things that have previously been discussed in the DWAC pertaining to the expectations of the master plan.
- B. Posted on-line <http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/DCMP/uses.cfm>
- C. The list included excerpts from the Charter document, the watershed management workshop held a year ago, and various meeting minutes.
- D. Please identify any missing items.

VIII. Public Outreach

- A. Once the questionnaires are completed, the next step will be the public workshops. The target date for the first workshop is the end of January/February 2003.
- B. Dave asked for suggestions on places to hold the workshops. The reason for five locations is to have three primary and two secondary locations. The cities suggested were the cities of Carson, Inglewood, Torrance, and Wilmington.
- C. The Outreach Subcommittee will meet in two weeks and report back to at next DWAC meeting regarding the location, date, method of doing workshops, mechanisms to advertise, etc.

IX. Earth Day

- A. DWAC should begin looking at potential projects/activities for Earth Day.
- B. Some suggested a booth with information about the DWAC.

X. Next Meeting

- A. December 3, 2003 1:30-3:30pm (Port of Long Beach)
- B. Purpose: discuss mostly completed questionnaires and discuss plan for public workshops